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A 32-footer from Marine Safety Office St. Louis patrols an air show safety zone during the annual Veiled Prophet Fair. Several area units participated in this year's event. See story and photos on pages six and seven.

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CDR James Robinson, MSO Huntington

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Coast Guard Reacts To Shadyside Flood

by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz

Several Coast Guard units participated in recovery operations after flashflooding struck local river communities on several tributaries of the Ohio River.

On June 14, heavy rains caused localized flashflooding near Moundsville, W.Va., and Shadyside, Ohio. According to the initial reports, as many as 40 homes were destroyed and 52 people were reported missing.

The Coast Guard Cutter Osage, flood punt teams from Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh and Marine Safety Office Huntington and Reserve Unit Moundsville participated in recovery operations along with many other agencies such as local Army Reserves and National Guard units, West Virginia Water Patrol and Department of Natural Resources, local fire departments, rescue teams and police agencies.

Two of the heavily flooded tributaries on the Ohio/West Virginia border spilled heavy amounts of debris and potentially hazardous materials

Sudden Destruction Brings Several Agencies Together For Joint Search And Rescue Efforts

into the Ohio River. Reports from the scene suggested a wall of water as high as 20 feet swept through the areas, crushing cars, houses, mobile homes and anything else that wasn't bolted down. Later reports indicated as many as 60 homes were destroyed.

Nearly all the debris from the runoff settled in Hannibal, Ohio, above the Hannibal Lock and Dam. About 15 acres worth of items such as 100-pound propane bottles, unmarked plastic barrels, unmarked 30 and 55 gallon drums, 30-40 gallon fuel tanks, gasoline cans, tires, trees, roofs and other parts of houses all settled in a huge pile above the lock and dam. The gates were not opened to let the debris pass because of the possibility of bodies being caught in the debris.

The cutter Osage conducted most of the mid-channel searches, while the flood punt teams searched the shores. One of the cutter's small boats recovered the body of a flood victim. Many of the Coast Guard's small boats transported search teams and served as diver platforms.

On June 16, local emergency management officials determined, due to the severity of the flood, the likelihood of finding survivors was very low and called off search and rescue efforts.

On June 18, the Coast Guard withdrew all its resources after it was determined that the service's assistance was no longer needed for the operation. By then, 21 bodies had been recovered, but 13 people remained missing. MSO Huntington and members from the Atlantic Area Strike Team stood by to assist the Shadyside Fire Department in monitoring debris cleanup efforts since some of it might have presented environmental hazards.

Louisville VMS Receives Commendation

by CDR Dennis W. Cleaveland

Rear Admiral William J. Ecker presented the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation to Marine Safety Office Louisville in a ceremony May 25 in Louisville, Ky.

The award recognized the Louisville Vessel Management Service (VMS) for the period from Nov. 22, 1988, to June 27, 1989. The Louisville VMS operates during periods of high water providing navigation assistance to vessels transiting Louisville Harbor. Mariners have long recognized Louisville Harbor as the most dangerous area to transit on the Ohio River.

The Louisville VMS was established in 1973 as a result of frequent marine casualties during periods of high water when unusually strong currents exist. The system serves the mariner by tracking vessel movement and bridge opening status as well as passing other vital information to vessels transiting

the area.

The operation is a joint effort between MSO Louisville personnel and members of the Coast Guard Reserve. Since its inception in 1973, VMS has operated an average of 47 and a half days a year. During the period of Nov. 22, 1988, to June 27, 1989, the system operated over 80 days with unit and reserve personnel logging 3,998 man hours monitoring the movement of 1,120 vessels through the system and 2,163 port movements.

In addition to monitoring vessel movements, the Vessel Management Service has also coordinated assistance during barge breakaways, vessel collisions, flood assistance and safety zone support during major marine events.

On March 23, 1989, the VMS coordinated the rescue of a drifting pleasure craft with six people on board just 200 feet above the McAlpine Dam. Had the vessel gone over the dam it would have meant certain death for the two adults and four children.

Units Clean Ohio River

Commitment Proven With Action

Compiled from unit news releases

Coast Guard units along the Ohio River proved their commitment to protecting the environment June 16 as they joined 14,000 volunteers from six states in Ohio River Sweep 1990.

The Ohio River Sweep was a one-day operation sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), Ashland Oil Co., and environmental protection

agencies from states bordering the Ohio River. Coast Guardsmen, Auxiliarists and dependents all lent a hand in the annual riverbank cleanup. This year the sweep encompassed the entire length of the Ohio River from its origin at Pittsburgh, Penn., to its confluence with the Mississippi River at Cairo, Ill. — a distance of 981 miles.

People volunteered from Marine Safety Office Louisville, Marine Safety

Office Huntington, Coast Guard Group Ohio Valley, Marine Safety Detachment Cincinnati and Reserve Unit Charleston.

While Coast Guard small boats patrolled the river ready to respond should a shore worker fall into the river and become trapped by the dangerous currents, volunteers on the bank worked to remove a variety of debris. Items were recovered such as televisions, tires, glass and plastic containers, shoes, large metal drums, shopping carts, and almost any other imaginable form of garbage. A Datsun 200 SX was even found late in the day at a Louisville boat ramp.

Although the temperature rose to the high 80's, Coast Guard volunteers continued to locate and remove bag after bag of garbage from the river bank. When trucks arrived to remove the trash, Coast Guard people were on hand to help load the often heavy bags and other debris.

At Riverfront Park in Cincinnati, volunteers from Marine Safety Detachment Cincinnati used flood punts to drag large barrels from the river. Much to their surprise, some of the barrels were partially filled. Unable to determine what was in them, they called in experts from the Cincinnati Fire Department and the Ohio EPA to help with removal.

In Louisville, Coast Guard boat crews and shore workers supported the Louisville Police Underwater Search and Recovery Unit in a joint effort to remove navigation hazards from near the shoreline. Boat crews worked to keep pleasure boaters away from the divers while they searched the river bottom near shore. As the police divers brought large objects to the shore, Coast Guard people carried them up the bank where sanitation crews could remove them.



Volunteers from Marine Safety Detachment Cincinnati and Marine Safety Detachment Reserve Unit Cincinnati work to remove trash from the Ohio River June 16. (MSD Cincinnati photo)

St. Paul Holds Fire Training

by ENS Dave Pleasants

What started as a cool, damp spring day, heated up considerably for some Second District Coast Guardsmen recently.

Members of the marine safety division of Coast Guard Reserve Unit St. Paul, Minn., completed a full day of firefighting training at the Ashland Oil Refinery training grounds May 19. The Ashland Refinery Fire Brigade and Ensign Dave Pleasants, a member of the reserve unit and the St. Paul Fire Department, conducted the training.

Several drills devoted to firefighting essentials preceded the actual firefighting training. Things heated up considerably during the fire extinguisher drill. Coast Guardsmen extinguished a trough of burning flammable liquid floating on water. The drill gave participants a good idea of the capabilities of the dry chemical extinguishers they inspect during typical barge boardings.

Next came several scenarios involving extinguishment of hydrocarbon fires by hose teams. Participants learned the importance of teamwork and coordination. They also learned the effectiveness of different fire streams, foams and techniques when dealing with burning products.

The final scenario involved a mock-up of piping typical of a bulk facility or barge piping. Fire roared from leaking flanges and across simulated decks. Fire teams worked together to shut down valves as they extinguished the fire.

Ashland Refinery Training Chief, Lenny McDaniel said the Coast Guardsmen were "one of the better firefighting crews he's worked with." Brigade members were presented with complimentary Coast Guard hats by the newly trained firefighters to show their appreciation for the hands-on training received.

In the past year, reservists received cardiopulmonary resuscitation training from a local police department, jointly trained with local Marine Corps reservists on combating terrorism and went through preliminary firefighting training at the St. Paul Fire Department training tower.

Reserve Unit St. Paul Commander Joseph Cosgrove was upbeat. "Training which positively affects the mobilization readiness in the area of port safety is a plus, especially when it can be done by professionals at no cost to the Coast Guard," Cosgrove said.

On a typical weekend, the 60 members of this unit augment the cutter Wyaconda and Marine Safety Detachment St. Paul.

D2 Moving Soon

by SN Gregory Dominik

One big, happy family. That's the way it should be once most of the St. Louis area federal agencies are located under one roof.

The Second Coast Guard District office will be one of the last federal agencies to move into the Robert A. Young (RAY) Building which was formerly known as the Mart building.

The Marine Safety Office and Director of Auxiliary Western Region moved into the RAY Building July 13. The district office will begin its move Sept. 21.

The RAY building's address is 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Mo., 63103.

The district staff phone numbers will also change. The telecommunications branch will be distributing a new district phone book some time in September. Also, callers dialing the old numbers will hear a recorded message advising them of the new phone numbers.

New Barges Complete



The private tugboat Miss Holly readies the final two newly constructed river barges for their journey to the Second District. The Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Md., recently finished construction on these two remaining barges. The barges' departure signaled the conclusion of the new construction program which began at the Yard in 1987.

Coast Guard Cutter Kickapoo, homeported out of Vicksburg, Miss., and Coast Guard Cutter Chippewa, homeported out of Owensboro, Ky., received the new barges.

During the past three years, Yard tradesmen built six 130-foot river tender work barges. The barges were designed to replace aging work barges that are used by the buoy tenders along our western rivers.

Coast Guard officials tasked the Yard with building the barges when the original contractor filed for bankruptcy after completing only three of the 11-barge contract.

Base St. Louis Opens New Exchange July 16



LT Daniel May and RADM William Ecker collaborate in cutting the ribbon which officially opened the new exchange at Base St. Louis. (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)

Coast Guard Base St. Louis opened its newly remodeled consolidated exchange store July 16. Rear Admiral W. J. Ecker, Second District commander, officially opened the store at a formal ribbon cutting ceremony July 20. The new store combines the existing package store with the base exchange for one-stop shopping convenience.

The project began over a year ago to provide a more convenient oper-

ation for the exchange patrons. The old, all-purpose service club was gutted and renovated to house the new exchange. Since the old service club was disassembled, a new service club was constructed off the Mississippi Room. The St. Louis area reserve units will remodel the old exchange for their use. The new area will have more room for the reservists than their previous space in the boat shed.

New CEA Reports To Second District

by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz

Second District enlisted people have a new man in their corner since a new command enlisted advisor reported aboard July 13.

Master Chief Machinery Technician Douglas Self took over the duties of the Second District Command Enlisted Advisor (CEA) from Master Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Charles Craig.

Self was previously the CEA for the Fourteenth District before coming to the Second District. Before his hitch

in the Fourteenth, Self was stationed for four years in St. Louis in the district's naval engineering branch.

Self is looking forward to visiting all the district units. "I would like to familiarize myself with their problems, if there are any," said Self.

Craig, the Second District's former CEA, left the district Aug. 6 after four years of service. Craig will be heading to Petaluma, Calif., where he will take on the responsibilities of the CEA at Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma.

Confused About Taking Antibiotics?

by HS1 Thomas Jacobson

Many patients I've talked with are confused about how to take antibiotic medications. Though not their fault, it is important to have a good understanding of how these medications are taken for them to be effective.

Antibiotics are primarily prescribed to treat bacterial infections. They are available to the clinician in a variety of anti-infective families; penicillin, tetracycline, and cephalosporin families are examples. Each is used for specific conditions.

In general, antibiotics will show positive effects in a few days. Even if you begin to feel better, follow the prescribed instructions. Unless otherwise directed by your doctor, adhere to the following:

1. Take ALL antibiotics medication prescribed.
2. SOME antibiotics are taken on an empty stomach one hour before or two to three hours after meals. Follow the doctor's instructions.
3. Liquid antibiotics must be refrigerated; do not freeze.
4. Never take medication prescribed for someone other than yourself.
5. Always follow the instructions on the medication label.
6. Drink a FULL glass of water when taking medication in pill form.

If you are confused about taking antibiotics, don't hesitate to ask the doctor.

Medical

St. Louis' HS1 Tasked With Variety Of Jobs

Story and Photos by PA1 Dean Jones

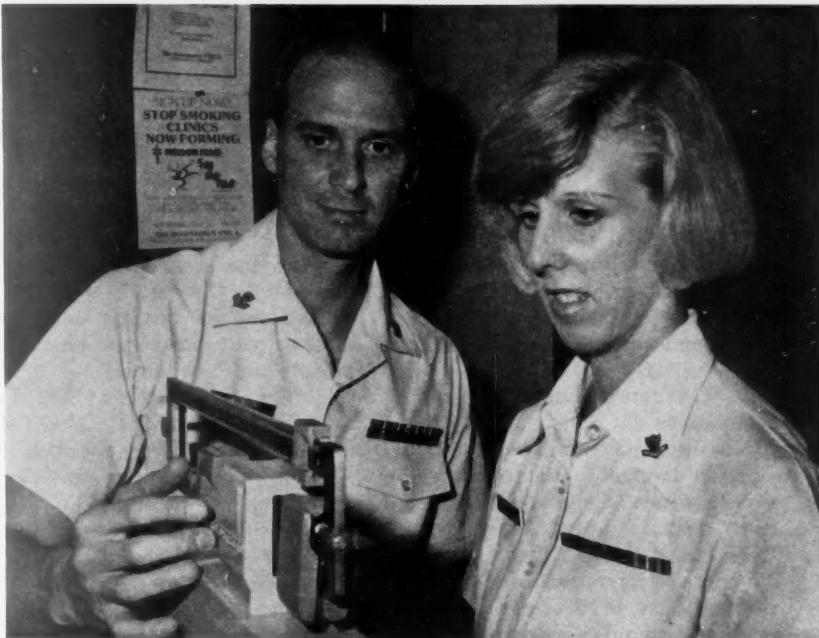
Many Coast Guardsmen spread thinly around the world are forced to be diversified in their jobs. That's true even for some people stationed at or near large units.

Such is the case of Health Services Technician First Class Tom Jacobson, the HS assigned to the St. Louis Army Health Clinic. Jacobson is one of only four HSs assigned to the Second District. The others are at groups Lower Mississippi River, Upper Mississippi River and Ohio Valley.

Since Jacobson is the only HS in St. Louis, he is tasked with a variety of jobs. This includes Coast Guard liaison at the Army Clinic, CHAMPUS Health Benefits Advisor, Urinalysis Program Coordinator, and Weight Standards Program manager.

At the Army Clinic, Jacobson handles or coordinates all medical work for active duty Coast Guardsmen. He screens patients for sick call, completes the initial paperwork and testing for physicals, administers immunizations, and maintains medical records for all Coast Guard personnel in the St. Louis area. He also sets up appointments for Coast Guard members at Scott Air Force Base.

"At a Coast Guard clinic, a different HS would handle each job," Jacobson said. "But here, I have to do it all."



HS1 Tom Jacobson weighs HS2 Jill Druskis. As weight standards program manager, weigh-ins are one of the more routine jobs Jacobson performs.

However, being at the Army Clinic also limits what he would do elsewhere as an independent HS. "At a Coast Guard unit, I would do hearing tests, eye tests, draw blood for lab tests and prescribe medicine," he said. Independent HSs also diagnose and prescribe treatment for certain ailments. But because of procedures at the Army Clinic, other clinic personnel do these jobs.

While Group Upper Mississippi River maintains the health records of the cutters Sumac, Obion and Cheyenne, Jacobson administers immunization shots for the crew of these St. Louis-based cutters. He also inoculates Base St. Louis personnel.

"I usually go down to the base and give the shots," Jacobson said. "It's easier for me to go down there, instead of all of them coming to the clinic."



Blood pressure screenings are important for detecting a common long-term health hazard — high blood pressure.

Jacobson does not handle or see Coast Guard dependents or retirees. They must go through the regular procedures at the Army Clinic.

"The clinic is really good about seeing dependents and retirees," Jacobson said. "In fact, a lot of the patients here are retirees."

One of Jacobson's goals while at the Army Clinic is to develop a health training program that would inform Coast Guard people and their families about nutrition, CHAMPUS news, prescription and over-the-counter drug use, health care, and other health related subjects. According to Jacobson, health education is a vital part of an HS's job. The more Coast Guard members and their families know about health related subjects, the better they can maintain their health and react in emergency situations.

St. Louis Celebrates 4th

by PA2 John Moss

Several St. Louis area units were active in this year's Veiled Prophet Fair June 30 to July 4, helping to celebrate the Coast Guard's bicentennial.

More than 100 people from Marine Safety Office St. Louis, the Second District staff, Recruiting Office St. Louis, the cutter Sumac, St. Louis Auxiliary, and Base St. Louis pitched in to make the various Coast Guard and water front activities of the fair a success.

The cutter Sumac, moored directly below the St. Louis Arch on the Mississippi riverfront, was the Coast Guard's command center during the event. Coast Guardsmen enforced river closures during air shows and fireworks displays. They also kept commercial river traffic informed of the activities in the area and were ready to respond to any emergencies if necessary.

HH-3 and HH-65 helicopters were flown in from Mobile, Ala., to take part in several air shows which featured river rescue demonstrations. They flew in three shows at the St. Louis riverfront and three shows at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport, 20 miles west of the city.

Members of the Atlantic Area Strike Team, Auxiliary, district office and recruiters manned a display tent beneath the arch. Visitors could see and handle the various Strike Team equipment, get boating safety information, and pick up Coast Guard posters and brochures.

The Coast Guard Drill Team from Washington, D.C., also participated in the fair. They marched in the VP Fair Parade and performed on the arch grounds June 30.

The Coast Guard's participation this year was greater than previous years because of our bicentennial. The fair's theme, "Celebrations," was perfect to help gain exposure for the Coast Guard and its 200th anniversary.



"Here, have one of these, one of these and oh yeah, and Seaman Terry Gaines meet with the public and the VP Fair. (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)



Members of the Second District color guard ride on a Coast Guard float in the VP Fair parade. Members include from left: SK2 John Lovett, YN3 Ernest Taylor, SK3 Terry Harrison and QM2 Robert Montague. (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)



A 32-footer from Marine Safety Office St. Louis moors alongside the cutter S during the Veiled Prophet Fair. The Sumac was decked out in fresh paint and were coordinated from the Sumac's bridge during air shows and fireworks.



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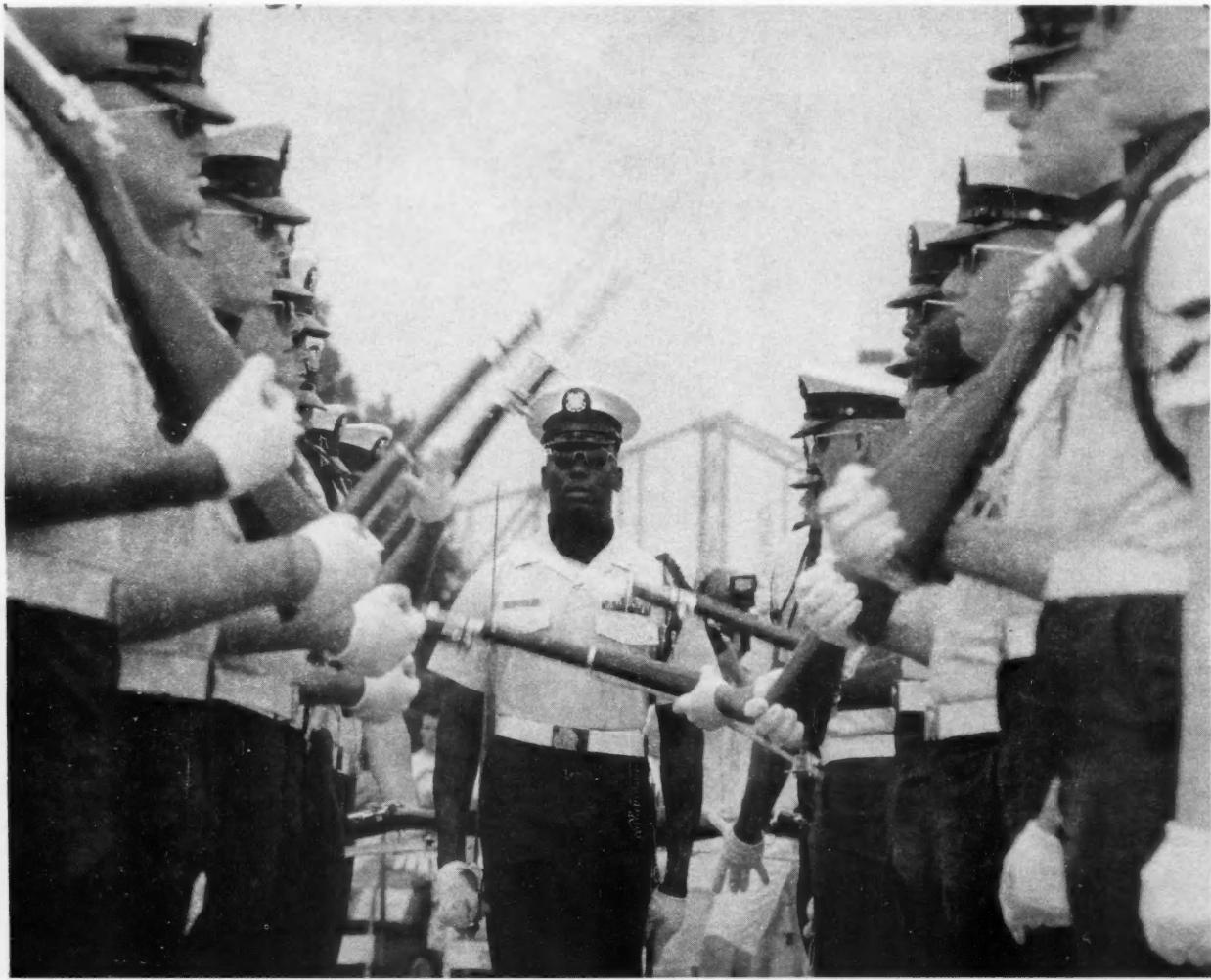


cutter Sumac which served as a command post
t and full-dress ship for the event. Safety zones
works displays. (Photo by PA2 John Moss)



"Flying high again." A member of the St. Louis Parachute Club displays the Coast Guard bicentennial flag during one of several jumps at the fair. (Photo by PA2 John Moss)

PRECISION



HS1 Charles Nobel marches through what the drill team calls suicide lines. The close proximity provides little room for error. (Photo by PA2 John Moss)

C.G. Drill Team Shows Off For VP Fair Crowd

by PA2 John Moss

The gun shot startles you out of your socks. The crowd cheers and shouts with excitement. The crowd loves it.

But when the routine starts, it's the precision drill that rivets your attention.

The 1990 version of the Coast Guard Silent Drill Team is as exciting as ever. They made a brief stop in St. Louis this summer to perform at the annual Veiled Prophet Fair. Several thousand people watched as they

marched in the VP Fair parade and performed beneath the St. Louis arch June 30.

This bicentennial year will keep the group on the road for about 150 days. When it's all over, they will have performed about twice as many jobs as in a normal year. But the seamen on the drill team don't seem to mind. Apparently, traveling is the best part of the job.

"We get to see so many places that most seamen in the Coast Guard don't get to see," Seaman Rich Fischer said. "I've been to the east coast, west coast, the Midwest — everywhere."

One of the highlights of their season so far was a trip to San Francisco. They performed on the flight deck of the 378-foot cutter Sherman for a group of young Soviet sailors who watched from the Soviet icebreaker Volga.

"It was a great experience," Fischer said. "After the performance, we started trading hats and things."

"I got a Russian Beret for a garrison cover," said Seaman Apprentice Roger Rebman. "I also traded some American money for rubles which isn't worth much, but you're never going to see them again."

Experiences like this make all the hard work, practice and discipline worth while. In the beginning of each year before the travel season starts, the drill team practices 12 to 16 hours a day. Usually half of the team is new and has to be taught the routine from scratch.



SN John Rossler tosses his weapon into the air during the center four routine. "You're always a little nervous because so many things can happen when a weapon gets tossed into the air," said SN Rich Fischer, a center four member. "But for the most part, you get comfortable doing it." (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)



HS1 Charles Nobel stands perfectly still as "center four" members draw their weapons to within inches of his head. "Once the adrenaline flows in a performance, I don't have time to think about (getting hit with a weapon)," Nobel said. (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)

Their performance begins with a platoon of 20 people carrying 12-pound 1903 Springfield Rifles with bayonets fixed. The weapons are fully operational, and they prove it by firing off a loud round of blanks.

One highlight of the routine is "suicide lines." The platoon forms a gauntlet through which the drill master passes. As he marches by, the drill team throws and spins their weapons around him.

The performance concludes with "center four." Four of the most proficient performers stand facing each other while the drill master stands in the center. Again, the drill team members throw and spin their weapons around him. It ends with a behind-the-back toss over the drill master's head.

These moves are difficult, and the drill team strives to perform them flawlessly. Fischer, a center four member, said the difficult maneuvers become easier with experience though.

"You get nervous at first, but after awhile you begin to relax," he said. "You're always a little nervous because so many things can happen when a weapon gets tossed into the air. But for the most part, you get comfortable doing it."

Health Services Technician First Class Charles Nobel, the drill master, said he has great confidence in his people and their abilities. He doesn't worry about getting hit by a bayonet while standing in the middle of all this activity.

"By the time I stand in center four or walk through the suicide line sequence, the troops are very well practiced, and I'm confident in their control of the weapons," Nobel said. "I really don't dwell on it. Once the adrenaline flows in a performance, I don't have time to think about it."

Nobel said it's a pleasure traveling cross-country with this group of professionals.

"I'm extremely blessed because I have such a good group of young people with me. They're well mannered, and I can't praise them enough."

ON TOUR



Using the St. Louis skyline for a near-perfect backdrop, the Dixieland Combo performed jazz, blues and rag with a New Orleans flavor during a noon-time concert on June 18 at Kiener Plaza in downtown St. Louis. (Photo by PA2 John Moss)

by Coast Guard Band public affairs staff

The Coast Guard Band stopped in St. Louis and Memphis, Tenn., this summer as part of their bicentennial tour. Several thousand people listened to the band play at Queeny Park June 18 in St. Louis and Mud Island June 20 in Memphis. The band's Dixieland Combo also performed in addition to the full-band concerts.

The members of the Coast Guard Band are professional musicians, trained in the finest schools in the country. The 45 band members hail from 22 different states and represent 43 colleges, conservatories, and universities and over 35 percent hold graduate degrees.

Some of the Coast Guard Band's most important work is done through its recordings. During the last nine years, the Coast Guard Band has made 14 records. The Coast Guard Band's New London concerts are now broadcast via satellite to the member stations of National Public Radio. They are heard regularly in over 150 cities



Guiding the members of the United States Coast Guard Band through a version of "The Story Of The Coast Guard," MUCM Kenneth Megar Jr. conducts the band in front of a full house at Greensfelder Recreation Center, Queeny Park, St. Louis. (Photo by PA2 John Moss)

throughout the United States, Australia, Japan and Europe.

The most important role is representing the Coast Guard to the nation. The Coast Guard Band has traveled all over the United States. Since the beginning of America's Bicentennial Celebration in 1975, the Band has traveled over 450,000 miles to perform in 40 states, 400 cities, Washington, D.C., and Canada.

The Coast Guard is the smallest of the nation's armed forces, and the Coast Guard Band is the smallest of the nation's premier service bands. Even so, versatility and variety are hallmarks of the band's presentations. A Coast Guard Band concert can satisfy every musical taste, whether the listener's preference is marches, classics, Dixieland jazz, sparkling solos, show tunes, or serious wind music.

The group has participated in the inauguration of every American President since Herbert Hoover and in the state funerals of presidents Taft, Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Kennedy. The Coast Guard Band opened the American Bicentennial Celebration with President Gerald Ford in Concord, Mass., on April 14, 1975.



Keeping that "Jazzy" beat, MUC Thomas Briggs pounds out the music during a recent Dixieland Combo performance in St. Louis. (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)



Despite the mid 90-degree heat, the Coast Guard Dixieland Combo remain "cool" during the performance. Members are MUI Andrew Sherwood, clarinet; MUC Gary Butterly, tuba; LCDR Lewis Buckley, trumpet; MUC Thomas Briggs, drums; and MUI John Bunker, banjo and vocals. (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)

Coast Guard Night At Busch Stadium



It's Coast Guard night at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, and the Second Coast Guard District's color guard has the honor of presenting the colors in a June 14 Cardinals vs. Montreal Expos baseball game.

Proud coasties cheered as Rear Admiral William J. Ecker, commander Second Coast Guard District, threw the opening pitch to begin the baseball game.

This was a highlight of the Second District's bicentennial celebration. (Photo by PA2 John Moss)



Pass The Legacy On . . .

Two hundred years after the drafting of the Constitution, Americans are still working to pass the legacy on. U.S. Savings Bonds can be a valuable part of that legacy. With market-based rates, Federal income tax-deferral privileges, exemption from State and local income taxes, bonds are a safe, competitive investment for the individual and a way to help America grow.



AWARDS

Military Awards

Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal:

CAPT M.J. Moynihan, CGDTWO(dcs)

Coast Guard Commendation Medal with "o":

LCDR G.S. Scheer, Group Ohio Valley

Coast Guard Commendation Medal:

LCDR G.W. Dunton, CGDTWO (dj)

LCDR M.P. Rolman, MSO Louisville

CWO C.S. O'Neal, Group Upper

ATCM C.H. Craig, CGDTWO (dea)

Coast Guard Achievement Medal with "o":

BMCS L.P. Hine, CGC Lantana

MKC J.F. Holden, CGC Ouachita

Coast Guard Achievement Medal:

LT G.M. Presley, Base St. Louis

LT P.L. Newman, DIRAUX Western Region

LT R.W. Branch, CGDTWO (r)

LTJG G.W. Wente, CGDTWO (b)

LTJG S.F. Ogan, CGDTWO (osr)

YNCM R.W. Miles, CGDTWO (pru)

BMCS R.L. Monahan, MSO Huntington

YN1 G.J. Krutules, Base St. Louis

HS1 G.K. Filcher, Group Upper

Commandant's Letter of Commendation:

CAPT G.L. Hale, Scott AFB Liaison

YN1 C.J. Cole, CGDTWO (pru)

Current Notes....

*"News from and for
Second District people"*

A New Old-timer

Master Chief Boatswains Mate Donald Urquhart, officer in charge of the cutter Cimarron, will become the fourth Enlisted Ancient Mariner Aug. 13 at a ceremony in Corpus Christi, Texas.

After a records search by the personnel information management division at Headquarters, Urquhart was found to be the active duty enlisted person with the earliest date of eligibility to wear the Cutterman Insignia. The Cutterman Insignia denotes five years of sea duty. Urquhart has served more than 15 years of sea duty in 12 cutters.

Urquhart will replace the current Enlisted Ancient Mariner, Chief Quartermaster Frank Albright, who will retire during the Chief Petty Officer's Association Convention in August.

RU Sponsors Walk

Coast Guard Reserve Unit Leavenworth co-sponsored a 10-kilometer "volkswalk" July 21 in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., as part of their local Coast Guard bicentennial celebration. More than 240 people took part in the event including Rear Admiral William Ecker, commander, Second Coast Guard District, and Rear Admiral Fred Golove, USCGR, senior reserve officer, Atlantic Area.



Lieutenant George Fithen, Reserve Unit Leavenworth operations officer, said the volkswalk was a large success. "Over 200 people showed up for the volkswalk even though it was raining that day. It was a great way to show the Coast Guard's presence in Leavenworth," Fithen said.

A volkswalk is a leisurely walk through a scenic area over a pre-marked route. The walk is noncompetitive, and participants travel at their own pace.

The volkswalk was sponsored by the Kansas Jaywalkers of Fort Leavenworth and Reserve Unit Leavenworth.

Assault Treatment

Incidents of rape and sexual assault are acts of violence which leave the victims psychologically and physically traumatized. The victim requires immediate help to make him or her feel physically safe, to notify the proper law enforcement authorities and to obtain medical attention and rape counseling.

The Coast Guard has established a policy to provide treatment for victims of rape and sexual assault.

Commandant Instruction 1754.10 of May 14 provides active duty members and their dependents with a coordinated plan of medical and mental care in the unfortunate event of rape or sexual assault.

Shooters Wanted

The Coast Guard will field a pistol and a rifle team each consisting of 10 to 12 individuals in the All-Navy, Interservice and National matches.



The intent of this is to draw from the ranks, each year, a group of individuals who have demonstrated outstanding marksmanship abilities and who strive to compete. The program will identify a pool of shooters who wish to compete on either the All-Coast Guard Rifle or Pistol team.

If you are interested, apply by letter via the chain of command to Commandant (G-ODO-2). Applicants must include their competitive shooting qualification or classifications, match averages and other shooting qualifications.

For more information, see Commandant Instruction 8012.1A of May 15.

New Certificate

The standard Coast Guard Good Conduct Certificate in which districts were adding the word "RESERVE" centered and above the words "GOOD CONDUCT AWARD" shall no longer be used. This gave the certificate an inappropriate and unprofessional look. A new certificate has been designed which gives the Coast Guard Reserves their own Good Conduct Certificate (CG-4178A).

The new certificates are currently available. An initial supply was sent to each district reserve division. Additional certificates will be available from Supply Center Brooklyn using stock number SN78530-01-GF3-2330.

For more information, see Commandant Notice 1650 of May 24.



Giving his best impression of Louis Armstrong, MU1 John Bunker captivates the audience with his musical versatility. The Coast Guard Band stopped in St. Louis and Memphis during their bicentennial tour. See story and photos on pages ten and eleven. (Photo by PA3 Rob Raskiewicz)

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